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corrected time *n*: a boat's elapsed time less her time allowance in yacht racing

cor-rec-tion \kə-'rek-shən/ *n* 1: the action or an instance of correcting: as a: AMENDMENT, RECTIFICATION b: REBUKE, PUNISHMENT c: a bringing into conformity with a standard d: NEUTRALIZATION, COUNTERACTION (~ of acidity) 2: a decline in market price or business activity following and counteracting a rise 3 a: something substituted in place of what is wrong (marking ~s on the students' papers) b: a quantity applied by way of correcting (as for adjustment or inaccuracy of an instrument) 4: the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders through a program involving penal custody, parole, and probation; also: the administration of such treatment as a matter of public policy — usu. used in pl. — **cor-rec-tion-al** \-shən, -shən-/ *adj*

cor-rec-ti-tude \kə-'rek-tə-'t(y)ūd/ *n* [blend of *correct* and *rectitude*] : correctness or propriety of conduct

cor-rec-tive \kə-'rek-tiv/ *adj*: tending to correct (~ lenses) (~ punishment) — **corrective** *n* — **cor-rec-tive-ly** *adv* — **cor-rec-tive-ness** *n*

cor-re-late \kər-'lət, 'kär-, -lät/ *n* [back-formation fr. *correlation*] 1: either of two things so related that one directly implies or is complementary to the other (as husband and wife) 2: a phenomenon (as brain activity) that accompanies another phenomenon (as behavior), is usu. parallel to it (as in form, type, development, or distribution), and is related in some way to it *syn* see PARALLEL — **cor-re-late** *adj*

cor-re-late \-lät/ *vb* -lated; -lating *vi*: to bear reciprocal or mutual relations ~ *vt* 1 a: to establish a mutual or reciprocal relation of b: to show a causal relationship between 2: to relate so that to each member of one set or series a corresponding member of another is assigned 3: to present or set forth so as to show relationship (he ~s the findings of the scientists, the psychologists, and the mystics — Eugene Exman) — **cor-re-lat-able** \-lät-'ə-bəl/ *adj*

cor-re-la-tion \kər-'lə-shən, 'kär-/ *n* [ML *correlation*, *correlatio*, fr. L *com-* + *relatio*, *relatio* *relatio* 1 a: the act of correlating b: the state of being correlated; *specif*: a relation of phenomena as invariable accompaniments of each other (the assumption that there is a positive ~ between performance and pay — Kermit Eby) 2: reciprocal relation in the occurrence of different structures, characteristics, or processes in organisms 3: an interdependence between mathematical variables esp. in statistics — **cor-re-la-tion-al** \-shən, -shən-/ *adj*

correlation coefficient *n*: a number or function that indicates the degree of correlation between two sets of data or between two random variables and that is equal to their covariance divided by the product of their standard deviations

cor-re-la-tive \kə-'rel-ət-iv/ *adj* 1: naturally related: **CORRESPONDING** 2: reciprocally related 3: regularly used together but typically not adjacent (the ~ conjunctions *either...or*) — **cor-re-la-tive-ly** *adv*

cor-re-spond \kər-'spänd, 'kär-/ *vi* [MF or ML; MF *correspondere*, fr. ML *correspondere*, fr. L *com-* + *respondere* to respond] 1 a: to be in conformity or agreement: SUIT (fulfillment seldom ~s to anticipation) b: to compare closely: MATCH — usu. used with *to* or *with* c: to be equivalent or parallel 2: to communicate with a person by exchange of letters (frequently ~s with his cousin) *syn* see AGREE

cor-re-spon-dence \kər-'spän-dən(t)s/ *n* 1 a: the agreement of things with one another b: a particular similarity c: association of one or more members of one set with each member of a second set: FUNCTION, MAPPING 2 a: communication by letters; also: the letters exchanged b: the news, information, or opinion contributed by a correspondent to a newspaper or periodical

correspondence school *n*: a school that teaches nonresident students by mailing them lessons and exercises which upon completion are returned to the school for grading

cor-re-spon-den-cy \kər-'spän-dən-sē, 'kär-/ *n*, *pl* -cies: **CORRESPONDENCE**

cor-re-spon-dent \kər-'spän-dənt, 'kär-/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF or ML; MF, fr. ML *correspondens*, *correspondens*, prp. of *correspondere*] 1: CORRESPONDING (each advantage having ~ disadvantages) 2: FITTING, CONFORMING — used with *with* or *to* (the outcome was entirely ~ with my wishes)

correspondent *n* 1: something that corresponds 2 a: one who communicates with another by letter b: one who has regular commercial relations with another c: one who contributes news or comment to a publication (as a newspaper) or a radio or television network often from a distant place (a war ~)

cor-re-spond-ing *adj* 1 a: agreeing in some respect (as kind, degree, position, or function) (the figures are large but the ~ totals next year will be larger) b: RELATED, ACCOMPANYING (all rights carry ~ with them ~ responsibilities — W. P. Paepcke) 2 a: charged with the duty of writing letters (~ secretary) b: participating or serving at a distance and by mail (a ~ member of the society) — **cor-re-spond-ing-ly** \-spän-din-lee/ *adv*

cor-re-spon-sive \kər-'spän(t)-siv, 'kär-/ *adj*: mutually responsive

cor-ri-da \kə-'rē-thə/ *n* [Sp. lit., act of running]: BULLFIGHT

cor-ri-dor \kər-'dər, 'kär-, -dō(r)/ *n* [MF, fr. Olt *corridore*, fr. *correre* to run, fr. L *currere* — more at **CURRENT**] 1: a passageway (as in a hotel) into which compartments or rooms open 2: a usu. narrow passageway or route: as a: a narrow strip of land through foreign-held territory b: (1) a restricted lane for air traffic (2) a restricted path a spacecraft must follow to accomplish its mission: WINDOW 3: a densely populated strip of land from Washington into New England — S. D. Browne

cor-rie \kər-'ē, 'kär-/ *n* [ScGael *coire*, lit., kettle]: CIRQUE 3

Cor-rie-dale \-'dāl/ *n* [Corriedale, ranch in New Zealand]: any of a dual-purpose breed of rather large usu. hornless sheep developed in New Zealand

cor-ri-gen-dum \kər-'jen-dəm, 'kär-/ *n*, *pl* -da \-'dō/ [L, neut. of *corrigenus*, gerundive of *corrige* to correct]: an error in a

printed work discovered after printing and shown with its correction on a separate sheet bound with the original

cor-ri-gi-ble \kər-'ə-jə-bəl, 'kär-/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF, fr. ML *corrigitibilis*, fr. L *corriger*] : capable of being set right: REPARABLE (a ~ defect) — **cor-ri-gi-bil-ity** \kər-'ə-jə-bil-ə-tē, 'kär-/ *n* — **cor-ri-gi-bly** \kər-'ə-jə-blē, 'kär-/ *adv*

cor-ri-val \kə-'ri-vəl, kō-, kō-/ *n* [MF, fr. L *corrivalis*, fr. *com-* + *rivalis* rival]: RIVAL, COMPETITOR — **cor-ri-val** *adj*

cor-rob-o-rant \kə-'rəb-ə-rənt/ *adj*, *archaic*: having an invigorating effect — used of a medicine

cor-rob-o-rate \kə-'rəb-ə-rāt/ *vt* -rated; -rating [L *corroboratus*, pp. of *corroborare*, fr. *com-* + *robor*, *robor* strength]: to support with evidence or authority: make more certain *syn* see **CONFIRM** *ant* contradict — **cor-rob-o-ra-tion** \-rəb-ə-'rā-shən/ *n* — **cor-rob-o-ra-tive** \-rəb-ə-rāt-iv, -rəb-(ə)-rət-/ *adj* — **cor-rob-o-ra-tor** \-rəb-ə-rāt-ər/ *n* — **cor-rob-o-ra-to-ry** \-rəb-(ə)-rə-tōr-ē, -tōr-/ *adj*

cor-rob-o-ree \kə-'rəb-ə-rē/ *n* [fr. native name in New South Wales, Australia] 1: a nocturnal festivity with songs and symbolic dances by which the Australian aborigines celebrate events of importance 2 *Austral* a: a noisy festivity b: TUMULT

cor-rode \kə-'rōd, 'kär-/ *vb* **cor-roded**; **cor-roding** [ME *corroden*, fr. L *corrodere* to gnaw to pieces, fr. *com-* + *rodere* to gnaw — more at **RAT**] *vt* 1: to eat away by degrees as if by gnawing; *esp*: to wear away gradually usu. by chemical action (the metal was *corroded* beyond repair) 2: to weaken or destroy gradually (mainstays and miserliness that ~ the human spirit — Bernard DeVoto) ~ *vi*: to undergo corrosion (the bare metal will ~ after a few weeks of exposure to the weather) — **cor-ro-dible** \-rōd-ə-bəl/ *adj*

cor-ro-dy *var* of **CORODY**

cor-ro-sion \kə-'rō-zhən/ *n* [ME, fr. LL *corrosion*, *corrosio* act of gnawing, fr. L *corrosus*, pp. of *corrodere*] 1: the action, process, or effect of corroding 2: a product of corroding

cor-ro-sive \-'rō-siv, -ziv/ *adj* 1: tending or having the power to corrode (~ acids) (~ action) 2 a: weakening or destroying by a gradual process (the ~ influence of industrialization — Louise C. Hunter) b: bitingly sarcastic (~ satire) — **cor-ro-sive** *n* — **cor-ro-sive-ly** *adv* — **cor-ro-sive-ness** *n*

corrosive sublimate *n*: MERCURIC CHLORIDE

cor-ru-gate \kər-'gāt, 'kär-/ *vb* -gated; -gating [L *corrugatus*, pp. of *corrugare*, fr. *com-* + *ruga* wrinkle — more at **ROUGH**] *vt*: to form or shape into wrinkles or folds or into alternating ridges and grooves: FURROW (corrugated his brows in thought — John Buchan) ~ *vi*: to become corrugated

corrugated iron *n*: usu. galvanized sheet iron or sheet steel shaped into straight parallel regular and equally curved ridges and hollows

cor-ru-ga-tion \kər-'gā-shən, 'kär-/ *n* 1: the act of corrugating 2: a ridge or groove of a corrugated surface

cor-rupt \kə-'rəpt/ *vb* [ME *corrupten*, fr. L *corruptus*, pp. of *corrumpere*, fr. *com-* + *rumpere* to break — more at **REAVE**] *vt* 1 a: to change from good to bad in morals, manners, or actions; also: to bribe b: to degrade with unsound principles or moral values 2: ROT, SPOIL 3: to subject (a person) to corruption of blood 4: to alter from the original or correct form or version ~ *vi* 1 a: to become tainted or rotten b: to become morally debased 2: to cause disintegration or ruin *syn* see **DEBASE** — **cor-rupt-er** or **cor-rupt-or** \-'rəp-tər/ *n* — **cor-rupt-ibil-ity** \-'rəp-tə-'bil-ə-tē/ *n* — **cor-rupt-ible** \-'rəp-tə-bəl/ *adj* — **cor-rupt-ibly** \-bəl-/ *adv*

corrupt *adj* [ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. L *corruptus*, fr. pp. of *corrumpere*] 1 a: morally degenerate and perverted: DEPRAVED b: characterized by bribery, the selling of political favors, or other improper conduct (~ judges) 2 *archaic*: PUTRID, TAINTED *syn* see **VICIOUS** — **cor-rupt-ly** \-'rəp(t)-lē/ *adv* — **cor-rupt-ness** \-'rəp(t)-nəs/ *n*

cor-ru-p-tion \kə-'rəp-shən/ *n* 1 a: impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle: DEPRAVITY b: DECAY, DECOMPOSITION c: inducement to wrong by bribery or other unlawful or improper means d: a departure from what is pure or correct 2 *archaic*: an agency or influence that corrupts 3 *chiefly dial*: PUS

cor-ru-p-tion-ist \-'sh(ə)-nəst/ *n*: one who practices or defends corruption esp. in politics

corruption of blood: the effect of an attainder upon a person which bars him from inheriting, retaining, or transmitting any estate, rank, or title

cor-ru-p-tive \kə-'rəp-tiv/ *adj*: producing or tending to produce corruption — **cor-ru-p-tive-ly** *adv*

cor-sage \kər-'sāzh, -sāj, 'kär-/ *n* [F, bust, bodice, fr. OF, bust, fr. *cors* body, fr. L *corpus*] 1: the waist or bodice of a woman's dress 2: an arrangement of flowers to be worn by a woman

cor-sair \kər-'sə(ə)r, -sə(ə)r/ *n* [MF & OI; MF *corsaire* pirate, fr. OProv *corsari*, fr. Olt *corsaro*, fr. ML *corsarius*, fr. L *cursor* course — more at **COURSE**]: PIRATE; *esp*: a privateer of the Barbary coast

cor-se \kə-'sə(ə)r/ *n* [ME *cors*, fr. OF, body] *archaic*: CORPSE

cor-se-let \kə-'sə-let, 'kär-/ *n* 1 or **cor-set** [MF, dim. of *cors* body, bodice] a: a piece of armor covering the trunk but usu. not the arms or legs b: a pikeman's armor including helmet 2 or **cor-se-lette** [fr. *Corselette*, a trademark]: an undergarment combining girdle and brassiere

cor-set \kər-'sət, 'kär-/ *n* [F, dim. of *cors*] 1: a usu. close-fitting and often laced medieval jacket 2: a woman's close-fitting boned supporting undergarment that is often hooked and laced and that extends from above or beneath the bust or from the waist to below the hips and has garters attached

cor-set *vt* 1: to dress in or fit with a corset 2: to restrict closely: control rigidly

a abut o kitten ar further a back ā bake ī cot, cart
a out ch chin e less ē easy g gift ī trip ī life
j joke y sing o flow o flaw o coin th thin th this
ū loke ū foot y yet yū few yū furious zh vision